

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12261–S12354*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2825–2835, and S. Res. 367–369. **Page S12321**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 372, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–101)

S. 1353, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to include non-profit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Measures Passed:**

*National Miners Day:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 337, designating December 6, 2009, as “National Miners Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S12352**

*Collection for Charitable Purposes in Senate Buildings:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 369, to permit the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings. **Page S12352**

**Measures Considered:**

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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**Adopted:**

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 355), Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786), to clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to). **Pages S12265, S12277**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote 357), Ben-net Amendment No. 2826 (to Amendment No. 2786), to protect and improve guaranteed Medicare benefits. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to). **Pages S12278–93**

**Withdrawn:**

By 41 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 356), Murkowski Amendment No. 2836 (to Amendment No. 2786), to ensure patients receive doctor recommendations for preventive health services, including mammograms and cervical cancer screening, without interference from government or insurance company bureaucrats. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S12276–77**

By 42 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 358), McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S12265, S12293–94**

**Pending:**

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12265–S12300, S12301–17**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 2870 (to Amendment No. 2786), to promote fiscal responsibility by protecting the Social Security surplus and CLASS program savings in this Act. **Pages S12303–06**

Hatch motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S12306–17**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill after any Leader remarks on Friday, December 4, 2009, with debate only in order until 11:30 a.m., with no